

URBAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING  
MINUTES

September 25, 2003  
ACWMD Headquarters  
12300 Lower Azusa Road  
Arcadia California

**In Attendance:**

Ray Smith, L.A. County Dept. Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures  
Jim Hartman, L.A. County Dept. Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures  
Bruce Christensen, McClintock Metal  
William R. Taber IV, Inland Valley Human Society, SPCA  
Martin Wall, CA Dept. of Fish & Game  
Dan Fox, Animal Pest Management  
Kim Bosell, Monrovia Canyon Park  
Nestor Otazu, City of Beverly Hills  
John Embury, L.A. County Department of Animal Care and Control  
Nick Morell, L.A. County Sanitation District  
Kathleen Burr, L.A. County Farm Bureau  
Stuart Ellins, CSU, San Bernardino  
Jennifer Hodgen, Pasadena Humane Society - SPCA  
Amy Henderson, Puente Hills Habitat Authority  
Troy Boswell, L.A. City, Animal Services  
Wendell Bowers, L.A. City, Animal Services  
Christine Belden, L.A. County Agricultural Commissioner/Wts. & Measures  
Alvaro Torres, SEAA CA  
Corina Monsivaiz, L.A. County Agricultural Commissioner/Wts. & Measures  
Richard Iizuka, L.A. County Dept. Agricultural Commissioner/Wts. & Measures  
Sabrina Drill, UC Cooperative Extension  
Carolyn H. Atchison, Mountains Restoration Trust  
Joe Ramirez, L.A. County Vector Management  
Seth Riley, National Park Service  
Dr. Karen Ehnert, L.A. County Dept. of Health Services, Veterinary Public Health, Rabies Control Program  
Sandy Schultz, City of Claremont

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The meeting was opened at 10:25 a.m., by Ray Smith

**Urban Coyotes - Taste Aversion Using Lithium Chloride** - Dr. Stuart Ellins

Dr. Ellins has been conducting studies for many years using taste aversion for coyote control using lithium chloride and gave a slide presentation on its history.

Some testing, in conjunction with the County Agricultural Commissioner Department, was done in the Antelope Valley about 30 years ago on coyotes committing depredation on sheep. As part of the test, lithium chloride was

injected into the abdomen of sheep, which were then fed to coyotes. After 10 weeks, according to Dr. Ellins, the number of kills dramatically declined. The same testing was done on a turkey farm, and over time, the number of kills appeared to decline.

Similar studies were conducted in Riverside and Villa Park using dog and cat carcasses as the delivery mechanism for the lithium chloride. Dr. Ellins claims that by the end of the study, they received no further complaints.

**Mountain Lions! What Cities and Land Managers Should Know if Mountain Lions Occur on Property they Own or Manage** - Michelle Cullins - Director of Conservation Programs, Mountain Lion Foundation  
Ms. Cullins gave a very interesting and informative presentation on mountain lions. Some of the goals of her organization she wished to share were:

1. Discourage the unnecessary killing of mountain lions.
2. Protect their habitat.
3. Educate people about mountain lions.
4. Conserve naturally sustainable populations of mountain lions and their ecosystems.

They are trying different ways to educate people on interfacing with wildlife and instilling a sense of responsibility for personal behavior.

**Animal-Proof Containers** - Bruce Christensen of McClintock Metal

Mr. Christensen gave a presentation on animal-proof containers, most of which were directed at excluding bears. Most problems with these animals are created by humans providing easy food sources, such as trash.

In closing, Ray shared the “Open Invitation” poster and made it available to anyone who was interested in obtaining a copy.

Next meeting date to be announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Rose Santos, Secretary